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1 11. (Twice Amended) A support arm assembly, comprising:
2 a table mount adapted to be secured to the table;
3 a first linkage coupled to said table mount;
4 a second linkage pivotally coupled to said first linkage;
5 a third linkage pivotally coupled to said second linkage;
6 an end effector pivotally coupled to said third linkage and having a jaw member
7 coupled to a spring; and,
8 a heart stabilizer held by said jaw member of said end effector without actuation of
9 any fasteners.

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1 16. (Amended) A method for coupling a heart stabilizer to a table, comprising:
2 mounting a support arm to the table;
3 adjusting a position of an end effector of the support arm, the end effector having a
4 retractable jaw member;
5 retracting the jaw member;
6 inserting a heart stabilizer into the end effector; and;
7 releasing the jaw member to secure the end effector to the support arm.

The applicant has attached an edited version of the amended claims as an Appendix.

REMARKS

The Examiner issued an advisory action that maintained a rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-12 and 14-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dobrovolny in view of